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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set forth in the following listing of claims, which will replace all prior listings of the claims.

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A mounting apparatus, comprising:

a rack defining a first mounting aperture, a second mounting aperture, and a support surface;

a slide;

a bracket mounted to an end of said slide, said bracket defining a first guide portion, a second guide portion, and a supported portion extending into said first mounting aperture, said supported portion defining a supported surface; and

a latch mounted on said bracket, said latch defining a first slot and a second slot, said first and second slots cooperating with said first and second guide members to allow linear movement of said latch between a first position extending into said second mounting aperture and a second position not extending into said second mounting aperture, said latch defining a locking surface, said locking surface and said supported surface cooperating to limit vertical movement of said bracket with respect to said rack when said latch is in said ~~first position~~ first position.

11-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The mounting apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said bracket is slidably mounted to said slide.

22. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 10, further comprising a biasing means for biasing said latch towards said first position.

23. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 22, wherein said biasing means is a coil spring having a first end connected to said latch and a second end connected to said bracket.

24. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 23, wherein a longitudinal axis of said coil spring is generally parallel to a direction of movement of said latch between said first position and said second position.

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25. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said supported portion comprises at least one mounting hook extending outwardly and downwardly from said second wall.

26. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said supported portion has a width substantially equal to a width of said first mounting aperture.

27. (New) A mounting apparatus, comprising:

a rack defining a first mounting aperture, a second mounting aperture and a third mounting aperture spaced from one another along said rack;

a slide;

a bracket mounted to an end of said slide, said bracket having a first mounting portion configured to extend into said first aperture when said bracket is attached to said rack and a second mounting portion configured to extend into said second aperture when said bracket is attached to said rack;

a latch mounted on said bracket, said latch being capable of linear movement relative to said bracket from a first position extending into said third mounting aperture and a second position not extending into said third mounting aperture, said latch defining a locking surface, said locking surface and said first and second mounting portions cooperating to limit vertical movement of said bracket with respect to said rack when said latch is in said first position.

28. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 27, wherein said third mounting aperture is positioned between said first mounting aperture and said second mounting aperture on said rack.

29. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 27, wherein said first mounting portion and said second mounting portion comprise mounting hooks that are fixed with respect to said bracket.

30. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 27, wherein said bracket is slidably mounted to said slide.

31. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 27, further comprising a biasing means for biasing said latch towards said first position.

32. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 31, wherein said biasing means is a coil spring having a first end connected to said latch and a second end connected to said bracket.

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33. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 32, wherein a longitudinal axis of said coil spring is generally parallel to a direction of movement of said latch between said first position and said second position.

34. (New) The mounting apparatus of Claim 27, wherein a length of said latch extends in a direction generally transverse to a portion of said rack that defines said third aperture.